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Susan Webster to: Gary Moore

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Cc: Chris Petersen

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Would you follow up with DEQ on this and determine if action is necessary. Thanks.

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Bob Goodfellow to: Susan Webster

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Any ideas on options for these folks? Not a spill, but it appears to be an abandoned hazardous chemical.

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Roger Cadenhead to: Goodfellow.Bob

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Cc: Cadenhead.Roger

Bob:

I received a call from the mayor of Norphlet, AR (Jim Crotty @ 870-370-2274, CONorphlet@lycos.com) concerning Norphlet Chemical, Inc. The essence of the call is that Norphlet Chemical never really started going though they do have 63,102 pounds of HF, concentration 50% or better, still in the tank located on the registered premises.

The chemical is in a tank that is 300-400 yards from their school – the town wants the HF and the tank removed by Tulstar. The company that placed the HF there was Tulstar in Tulsa, OK, the owner of Norphlet Chemical (Mark Nagle, 918-749-9060, x208).

ADEQ, though contacted, refuses to move on the issue unless there is a leak. The AR Department of Economic Development (David Novela – 501-837-8610; part-finaceer of a joint effort in this depressed labor market) has re-possessed the land and its contents but will not take action until the HF is removed.

I have drawn these folks for an RMP inspection; however, the company is bankrupt, defunct, etc. Add to all this that no one can de-register until the HF is gone from the site. I am due to be there 17 Mar 2009; however, the last employee, Vic Forte (to whom I sent the email notification of my visit), quit being paid 11 Oct 2008 and has left the company but is still at the site nights for the town until this situation is resolved.

What do you want me to do?

Regards,
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